

Good Afternoon Loyola Families,

Thank you for another great week! As we look towards next week we wanted to share a few reminders and updates with you.

Daily Self-Screening:

Parents and guardians are reminded to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in your children and to complete the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool for Schools](#) each morning before sending your children to school.

Loyola D2L Chapel:

Don't forget to check out our Loyola D2L chapel for prayer services, resources, community service opportunities and more!

Course Progress Questions:

If you have any questions regarding your child's mark or course progress, please reach out to their classroom teacher. Staff contacts are available on our [Loyola website](#).

Picture Retakes:

Our final photo retake day is Monday November 2 for students who have not yet had the opportunity to have their photo taken.

Students in **Cohort C** must upload their photos to the Google doc **by 2:30 PM on Monday November 2**. No photos will be accepted after this point. You must use your @loyola.hcdsb.org email to access the Google form.

<https://forms.gle/jr5gQPZEKJk2KG4W8>

If you are in cohort C and have had pictures done but have not yet picked up your proof and password for ordering, you can come any day next week between 1:00-3:30 PM. Please call the school number (905-847-0595) when you are outside the school and someone from the office will bring them out to you.

Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTW):

Launched in 1994 by [The Learning Partnership](#), Take Our Kids To Work Day (TOKTW) is an experiential learning opportunity for Grade 9 students across Canada offering the chance to see the World of Work, explore a variety of careers and sectors, and look at what skills are important to thrive in the world of work. This year on November 4th, we are going virtual with TOKTW day. If you are interested in taking part, albeit in a very modified, virtual fashion, please follow the enclosed instructions.

Log onto <https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/take-our-kids-to-work/educator>

- Click on Take Our Kids To Work Day.
- Scroll down past Workplaces, Educators to Parents or Students.

- Click “learn more or register”. You will be asked for your name, email and postal code.
- You will have access to the TOKTW Family Guide, then Download.

You will have access to a 20 minute Virtual Event. *Tune In to Your Future, Now* showcasing careers, workplaces and professional paths of leaders from a range of sectors and industries across Canada. In addition, you can register to take part in live breakout sessions hosted by industry leaders in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Technology, Skilled Trades and Healthcare. Check for tips and resources, be eligible for prizes and take part in the Parent Survey. We hope you enjoy the videos! The link and information will also be posted in our Student Services D2L classroom.

Regularly scheduled classes for grade 9 students will continue on November 4. If you are facilitating a workplace opportunity for your child, please ensure you enter their absence ahead of time.

Quadmester 2 Cohort Change Request:

Please complete the survey below ONLY if you want to change your child's cohort from in-school to online OR online to in-school. Students will remain in their Quadmester 1 cohort unless this request is submitted by Wednesday November 4 at 2:30. Your responses will help us to determine the composition of the cohorts.

In following the Public Health and Ministry of Education guidelines, we may need to adjust your child's in-school cohort. You will be contacted by phone if this affects your child.

<https://forms.gle/yxHQakU1bN1pyFJYA>

This survey must be completed by parents or guardians only using the email address we have on file for you.

Post-Secondary Planning:

It is never too early to start post-secondary research and planning. Colleges offer many credentials:

- 1- & 2-year preparatory programs and certificates
- 2-year diplomas and 3-year advanced diplomas
- Bachelor's degrees are the same as the universities offer. With a career directed focus, combined with hands-on learning making this option for students more desirable. Same requirements needed if you were to take these at university
- Graduate certificates for those who have completed a diploma or degree
- Joint Collaborative Programs – the best of both worlds!! Students will receive a diploma in an area from the college AND a bachelor's degree from the associate university. All within 4 years of study
- Bridge programs to help students transfer over to university to complete a degree

Join a virtual college presentation to look at all options.

Niagara College will be providing a presentation for our students on Tuesday Nov. 3rd @ 3:30. Learn about programs, financial aid, support services, pathways and the exciting events going on at NC. Students are asked to register at <https://www.tfaforms.com/4852607> or

contact the recruiter Alexis Kilroy at at: akilroy@niagaracollege.ca to be sent the Teams meeting link to join.

Ontario College Virtual Fair (Nov. 4th from 4pm to 8pm and Nov. 5th from 9am to 1pm)):

This virtual fair is a one-stop shop that will give prospective students an opportunity to learn about the myriad of programs offered at Ontario colleges. Presentation topics include How to Apply to College, Paying for College, and College Pathways and degree programs. Participants are asked to REGISTER at www.ontariocolleges.ca. Once registered a link will be sent to you to join the fair.

Student Information Updates:

It is important to update our files to make sure any important information reaches home. Students should review their personal information on the SIS to make sure their information is updated i.e. home phone numbers, cell phone numbers, parent/guardian emails and any address changes. Please contact Mrs. Bartucci in Student Services to update your information at bartuccil@hcdsb.org

Loyola Above & Beyond Awards:

At St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School we are incredibly blessed to have a vibrant, diverse and talented student body. To recognize the talents, achievements and community contributions of our students we have created the **Loyola Above & Beyond Award**. This award will replace our honour roll certificates which solely focused on academic achievement.

To be awarded the Loyola Above & Beyond Award students must meet the following criteria:

- An overall average of 75% or above
- Completion of 10 hours of community service per year
- Participation in one team, club or school activity

Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 are required to self-nominate for the Loyola Above & Beyond Award using this Google form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fas3Jb0likmmQnwTV3nm0vEbkN4C2vNikq08L0tRZsNUNjRaV05MSVQ4WIY1QTVSU0dMN0c2S1ROQS4u>

The information will be verified by Student Services and a list will be posted in our Loyola Student Services D2L classroom. At a later date, students will receive a certificate honouring their achievements. Students can apply for this award each year.

We recognize that the 2019-2020 school year was not typical and posed many challenges for students. If for any reason you are not able to meet one of the requirements above, please submit your application and detail the reason and why you feel you should be recognized as going above and beyond at Loyola. Staff will also have the opportunity to nominate students.

The link to the Loyola Above & Beyond Award application form will close on Friday November 6, 2020 @ 2:30 PM.

November is Indigenous Awareness Month:

The Halton Catholic District School Board recognizes November as Indigenous Awareness month. This month was chosen because of other special dates and events in November, including Treaty Recognition Week, Louis Riel Day and Inuit Day.

Staff and students have been working to prepare a number of activities to celebrate and learn about the culture and traditions of Canada's Indigenous Peoples. Stay tuned to our morning announcements, school website and school Instagram (@loyolahawksoak) for information and details about November events.

Celebrating Our Diversity:

To celebrate the great diversity we have at Loyola we are asking for interested students to contact Ms. Asselin (asselinc@hcdsb.org) about recording a morning prayer in your native language. This prayer will be played during our morning exercises as a way to recognize and honour the diversity of our community and the unique gifts and talents our students have to offer.

Virtual Clubs:

Check out our [Loyola website](#) for virtual club opportunities to get involved in.

Loyola Gaming Club:

We're investigating the possibility of starting an Esports Club. If students are interested in the potential of being part of a Rocket League Team we ask them to express interest by completing this online form [here](#). Students will need their Loyola Google Account to complete it. Should there be further questions, please contact Mr. Zoratti.

High School Liaison Officer Program:

Check out our [Loyola website](#) for information regarding the HRPS High School Liaison Officer program at the HCDSB. Parent resources regarding community safety, vaping and drug awareness are also available.

Halton Food for Thought Breakfast Program:

More than ever, Halton students need access to nutritious food to fuel a full day of learning. Starting in November, Halton Food for Thought will provide Grab and Go Healthy Food Boxes to our school. This will provide students with access to a nutritious snack to help keep them focused throughout the day. When we feed students at school, we are offering them their best chance for success. We want students to reach their full potential and lead healthy, active lives.

Packing over 5600 food boxes for schools each month is a huge undertaking. If you are interested in supporting the program financially (any amount is appreciated) donations can be made directly on the [Halton Food for Thought website](#).

If you would like to volunteer or have a connection to a local business that could help support the Grab and Go Healthy Food Boxes please contact info@haltonfoodforthought.com
Together we #FeedTheirFuture!

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Please reach out at any time if you have a question. Have a wonderful weekend!

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Important Upcoming Dates:

Photo Retake Day & Last day to submit photos to Google form for cohort C students	November 2, 2020
Last Day to complete cohort switch (online to in person or vice versa) survey	November 4 @ 2:30
Loyola Above & Beyond Award Nomination Form Closes	November 6 @ 2:30 PM
Remembrance Day Liturgy	November 11, 2020
End of quad 1	November 12, 2020
Quad 1 Final Marks Released in SIS	November 20, 2020 @ 2:30
PD Day	November 27, 2020